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In re Application of :  
Liu et al. :  
Serial No.: 10/824,710 : PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL  
Filed: April 14, 2004 :  
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This is in response to applicants' petition filed May 7, 2004, to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(d). The delay in responding to this petition is regretted.

Applicants have satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, VIII. (A), (B), (C), (D), and (E). The \$130.00 petition fee as required by 37 CFR 1.17(h) was received. Therefore, the petition is **GRANTED**.

**The application will be forwarded the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.**

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